



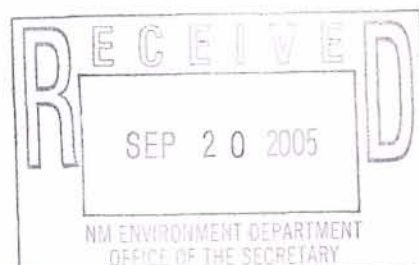
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Mr. Ron Curry
Secretary
New Mexico Environment Department
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Dear Mr. Curry:

Thank you for submitting the following updates to the New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan for our review and approval. Our action on the two update requests are described below.

Approved - Rio Hondo (South Fork of the Rio Hondo to Lake Fork Creek) - Total Maximum Daily Loadings (TMDLs) for Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen. See the enclosed table for the approved Waste Load Allocations (WLAs).

Approved - Cimarron River (Canadian River to Turkey Creek) - Removal of the Chronic Aluminum TMDL.

These Updates were certified by the New Mexico Environment Department and have undergone public participation as required by 40 CFR Part 25.

For additional information regarding this approval, please contact Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513. We look forward to working with you and your staff on future updates to the New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan.

Sincerely yours,

Miguel I. Flores

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Director

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Enclosure